

Luminosity of blessed Ramadan

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اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ رَبِّ الْعٰلَمِيْنَ وَ الصَّلٰوةُ وَ السَّلَامُ عَلٰى سَيِّدِ الْمُرْسَلِيْنَ

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Du'a for Reading the Book

Read the following Du'a (supplication) before you study a religious book or an Islamic lesson, you will remember whatever you study, اِنْ شَآءَاللّٰه عَزَّوَجَلَّ:

اَللّٰهُمَّ افْتَحْ عَلَيْنَا حِكْمَتَكَ وَانْشُرْ
عَلَيْنَا رَحْمَتَكَ يَا ذَاالْجَلَالِ وَالْاِكْرَام

Translation

O Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ! Open the door of knowledge and wisdom for us, and have mercy on us! O the One Who is the Most Honourable and Glorious! *(Al-Mustatraf, vol. 1, pp. 40)*

Note:

Recite Salat upon the Holy Nabi ﷺ once before and after the Du'a.

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No matter how lazy Satan tries to make you feel, please read this booklet from beginning to end. اِنْ شَآءَاللّٰه عَزَّوَجَلَّ, You will see its blessings for yourself.

Excellence of Salat upon the Holy Nabi ﷺ

The Prophet of mankind, the Peace of our heart and mind, the most Generous and Kind صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم has said, 'Indeed, he who recites Salat (Durood) upon me the most, will be the closest to me on the Day of Judgement.'

(Jami' Tirmizi, pp. 27, vol. 2, Hadis 484)

صَلُّوْا عَلَى الْحَبِيْب صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلٰى مُحَمَّد

Dear Islamic brothers! It is a great bounty of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ that He عَزَّوَجَلَّ has granted us a tremendous gift in the form of Ramadan, whose every moment is full of mercy. The reward of good deeds is multiplied many times in this month. The reward of a Nafl act is equivalent to that of a Fard one, while the reward of a Fard act is multiplied 70 times. In this month,

even the sleep of a fasting person is considered an act of worship. The divine 'Arsh-holding angels say 'Amin' for the Du'a of the fasting people. According to a Hadis, the fish in the seas ask for forgiveness until Iftar for the one who fasts in Ramadan. *(Attarghib Wattarhib, pp. 55, vol. 2, Hadis 6)*

Door of worship

Fast is a hidden form of worship; no one can come to know about your fast until you tell it to others. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ likes hidden worship more. A blessed Hadis says, 'Fasting is the door of worship.' *(Al-Jami'-us-Saghir, pp. 146, Hadis 2415)*

Revelation of the Quran

Ramadan is a blessed and sacred month in which Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ revealed the Holy Quran. He عَزَّوَجَلَّ mentions the revelation of the Holy Quran and Ramadan in these words:

شَهْرُ رَمَضَانَ الَّذِیْۤ اُنْزِلَ فِیْهِ الْقُرْاٰنُ هُدًى لِّلنَّاسِ وَ بَیِّنٰتٍ مِّنَ
الْهُدٰى وَ الْفُرْقَانِۚ فَمَنْ شَهِدَ مِنْكُمُ الشَّهْرَ فَلْیَصُمْهُؕ وَ مَنْ كَانَ
مَرِیْضًا اَوْ عَلٰى سَفَرٍ فَعِدَّةٌ مِّنْ اَیَّامٍ اُخَرَؕ یُرِیْدُ اللّٰهُ بِكُمُ الْیُسْرَ وَ لَا
یُرِیْدُ بِكُمُ الْعُسْرَ٘ وَ لِتُكْمِلُوا الْعِدَّةَ وَ لِتُكَبِّرُوا اللّٰهَ عَلٰى مَا
هَدٰىكُمْ وَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَشْكُرُوْنَ ﴿۱۸۵﴾

The month of Ramadan in which was sent down the Quran - the guidance for mankind, the direction and the clear criteria (to judge between right and wrong). So whoever among you finds this month, must fast for the (whole) month; and whoever is sick or on a journey, may fast the same number in other days. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ *desires ease for you and does not desire hardship for you so that you complete the count (of fasts), and glorify Allah's greatness for having guided you, and so that you may be grateful.*

[Kanz-ul-Iman (Translation of Quran)] (Part 2, Surah Baqarah, verse 185)

Definition of Ramadan

Regarding the first part of this verse (شَهۡرُ رَمَضَانَ الَّذِیۡۤ), a renowned exegetist of the Holy Quran, Mufti Ahmad Yar Khan عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ الْمَنَّان has stated in '*Tafsir-e-Na'imi*', 'Like 'رَحۡمٰن' (Rahman), Ramadan is probably one of the names of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ because He عَزَّوَجَلَّ is worshipped the whole day and night in this month. Therefore, it is called Ramadan i.e., 'The Month of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ.' As a Masjid or the Holy Ka'bah is referred to as the house of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ because it is the place where Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is worshipped, similarly, Ramadan is the month of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ because everyone is occupied with fulfilling the commandments of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ in this month. Obviously, the fast and the Tarawih Salah are forms of worship but when a

Muslim fasts, his Halal job or business is also considered worship. The word رَمَضَان (Ramadan) is derived either from the word 'رَمْضَاءٌ' (Ramdaun) or from the word رَمْض (Ramd). The word رَمْضَاءٌ implies the autumn rain which washes the earth and produces a good spring harvest. Since this month also washes the dirt and dust of sins from the heart, making the crops of virtuous deeds blossoming, it is called Ramadan for this reason.

For a good harvest, rain is needed everyday in the first month of the rainy season, four times in the second month and once in the last month. The last rain prepares the crops for harvest. In the like manner, a Muslim does virtuous acts for eleven months and then the fasts of Ramadan prepare the crops of virtues. The word 'رَمْض' (Ramd) implies heat or burning. As the Muslims endure the burning of thirst and hunger in Ramadan or as this month burns their sins, it is called Ramadan. (In *Kanz-ul-'Ummal*, page 217, volume 8 there is a narration reported by Sayyiduna Anas رَضِیَ اللهُ تَعَالٰی عَنْهُ that the Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّی اللهُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم has said, 'This month is called Ramadan because it burns sins).'

Reasons for names of months

Mufti Ahmad Yar Khan عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ الْمَنَّان has stated, 'Some exegetists رَحِمَهُمُ اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰی have said that different names were given to different months in relation to their seasons. (For instance) the month that fell in summer was called Ramadan, the one in spring was called Rabi'-ul-Awwal and the one that fell in water-freezing winter was called Jumadil Aula.

In Islam there is always a wonderful reason for a name, and the name is given in relation to the attributes of the thing. This is not found in other terms. We see an ignorant person named 'Muhammad Fazil' (learned) and a coward is called 'Shayr Bahadur' (a brave lion) and an ugly man is called 'Yusuf Khan' but there is no such defect in Islam. Ramadan is a combination of virtues and excellence, which is why it is called Ramadan.'

(Tafsir-e-Na'imi, pp. 205, vol. 2)

صَلُّوْا عَلَی الْحَبِیْب صَلَّی اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰی عَلٰی مُحَمَّد

Palace with portal of gold

Sayyiduna Abu Sa'id Khudri رَضِیَ اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰی عَنْهُ has narrated that the Holy Prophet صَلَّی اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم has said, 'On the first night of Ramadan, the portals of the skies and Paradise are opened which remain open until the last night (of the month). So if anyone offers Salah in any night of this month, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ will

reward him with 1,500 virtues for every Sajdah (prostration) and make a palace of red rubies for him that will have 60,000 gates. The gates will have hinges of gold that will be embroidered with red rubies. Thus, the one who fasts on the first day of Ramadan will be forgiven for his sins until the last day of the month and 70,000 angels will ask for his forgiveness from morning till evening. Each time he prostrates during the day or at night, he will be granted a tree in Heaven and each tree is so huge that a horse rider can ride under its shadow for 500 years.' *(Shu'ab-ul-Iman, pp. 314, vol. 3, Hadis 3635)*

سُبۡحٰنَ اللّٰہ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! Dear Islamic brothers! What an enormous favour our Hannan and Mannan Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has bestowed upon us by granting us this blessed month for the sake of His Beloved Rasool صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیۡہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم! It is the month in which all the portals of Heaven are opened and the reward for good deeds is greatly increased. According to the foregoing Hadis, the one who offers Salah in any of the nights of Ramadan will be granted the reward of 1,500 good deeds for every Sajdah he performs. Further, there will be a magnificent Heavenly palace as well. This blessed Hadis also contains glad tidings that 70,000 angels make Du'a for the forgiveness of the fasting Muslims from morning till evening.

صَلُّوۡا عَلَی الۡحَبِیۡب   صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلٰی مُحَمَّد

Dear Islamic brothers! اَلۡحَمۡدُ لِلّٰه عَزَّوَجَلَّ The mindset of attaining the blessings of Ramadan is developed by adopting the company of devotees of Rasool who are associated with Dawat-e-Islami, a Madani movement of devotees of Rasool. Otherwise, bad company leads many people to committing sins even in this auspicious month. Let me tell you about a singer who was at one time drowning in the ocean of sins but was rescued by the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami.

I was a singer

An Islamic brother of Orangi Town (Bab-ul-Madinah, Karachi) has stated: Unfortunately, I was a singer. I was ruining my life in musical concerts. I was so heedless that I neither offered Salah nor felt guilty about my sins.

Fortunately, making individual effort, a responsible Islamic brother convinced me to attend the 3 day Sunnah-Inspiring Ijtima' held in 1424 A.H., 2003 in Sahra-e-Madinah near the Toll Plaza, Super Highway, Bab-ul-Madinah, Karachi. On the last day, we all attended a very passionate and heart-rending Du'a that made me feel guilty about my evil deeds. I could not control my emotions and burst into tears, which softened my heart.

اَلۡحَمۡدُ لِلّٰه عَزَّوَجَلَّ! I joined Dawat-e-Islami, repented of attending musical concerts and began to travel with Madani Qafilahs. On

25th December 2004, as I was about to leave home to travel with a Madani Qafilah, I received a phone call from my younger sister who was very sad. She gave me the news of her new born blind baby girl and told me that doctors remarked that her baby would never be able to see. As she was talking, she could not hold herself back and began to cry. I encouraged her by saying that I would pray for her baby in the Madani Qafilah, اِنْ شَآءَاللّٰه عَزَّوَجَلَّ.

During the Madani Qafilah, I made supplications myself and asked Rasool's devotees of the Madani Qafilah to pray as well. It was my second day back from the Madani Qafilah, I received another phone call from my sister but this time she sounded extremely happy. She told me that her baby Mahak had got her eyesight, اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰه عَزَّوَجَلَّ! Amazed, the doctors remarked they don't know as to how it happened because they didn't have any cure for it. اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰه عَزَّوَجَلَّ! At present, I am blessed with the opportunity to carry out the Madani activities of Dawat-e-Islami as a member of the 'Alaqai Mushawarat in Bab-ul-Madinah, Karachi.

Afataun say na dar, rakh karam par nazar
Rawshan ankhayn milayn, Qafilay mayn chalo
Ap ko doctor, nay gaw mayus kar
Bhi diya mat darayn, Qafilay mayn chalo

Don't be scared of adversity, keep gaze on divine bounty
Eyesight will be regained, travel with Madani Qafilah
Even if the doctor has disappointed you
Don't give up hope, travel with Madani Qafilah

صَلُّوْا عَلَى الْحَبِيْب صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلٰى مُحَمَّد

Dear Islamic brothers! Did you see how great the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami is? Many people who were previously wicked and impious are now leading their lives following the Sunnah of Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم owing to the blessing of joining the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami. The aforementioned parable also highlights the significance of travelling with Madani Qafilahs. As the troubles and problems of some people are solved due to travelling in Madani Qafilahs, the troubles and difficulties of the afterlife will also be relieved due to the intercession of the Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم, اِنْ شَآءَ اللّٰه عَزَّوَجَلَّ.

Five special blessings

Sayyiduna Jabir Bin 'Abdullah رَضِىَ اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَنْهُ has narrated that the Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم has stated, 'In Ramadan, my Ummah has been gifted five such things which were not given to any other Prophet عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام before me:

1. On the first night of Ramadan, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ showers special mercy upon them and the one upon whom Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ showers special mercy will never be punished.

2. In the evening, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ likes the smell emanating from their mouths (due to hunger) more than even musk.

3. Angels pray for their forgiveness every night and day.

4. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ orders Heaven to be adorned for His (righteous) people and says, 'Soon they will get rid of the grief of the world and find solace in My house and My bounties.'

5. On the last night of Ramadan, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ forgives them all.'

Standing up, a person asked, 'Ya Rasulallah صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم! Is that Laila-tul-Qadr?' He صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم replied, 'No. Do you not see that a labourer is given his wage when he finishes his job?' *(Attarghib Wattarhib, pp. 56, vol. 2, Hadis 7)*

Compensation for minor sins

Sayyiduna Abu Hurairah رَضِیَ اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰی عَنْهُ has narrated that the Prophet of Rahmah, the Intercessor of Ummah صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم has stated, 'The five daily Salah and Salat-ul-Jumu'ah compensate for sins till the next Friday, and Ramadan

compensates for sins until the next Ramadan, provided that the major sins are avoided.' *(Sahih Muslim, pp. 144, Hadis 233)*

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Method of repentance

سُبْحٰنَ اللّٰه عَزَّوَجَلَّ! Ramadan is such a blessed month in which rain of mercy showers upon us and it is a means of our minor sins being forgiven. Major sins are forgiven by repentance. The way to repent is to mention the sin one has committed and then feel resentment for it in one's heart and firmly vow not to commit it again. Let us say, for instance, that someone lied. He should say, 'Ya Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ! I repent of the lie I have told and I will not tell lies again.' Whilst repenting, he must despise the act of lying and be sincere when he says the words 'I will not tell lies again' otherwise his repentance will not be valid. If the right of another person was violated, then it is necessary to seek forgiveness from him in addition to repentance.

صَلُّوْا عَلَى الْحَبِيْب صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلٰى مُحَمَّد

تُوْبُوْا اِلَى اللّٰه اَسْتَغْفِرُ اللّٰه

صَلُّوْا عَلَى الْحَبِيْب صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلٰى مُحَمَّد

Dear Islamic brothers! Books of Ahadis are full of the virtues of Ramadan. There are so many bounties and blessings in Ramadan that our Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم even said, 'If my Ummah had known what Ramadan is, they would wish if only Ramadan had remained the whole year.'

(Sahih Ibn Khuzaymah, pp. 190, vol. 3, Hadis 1886)

Heart-warming saying of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّم

Sayyiduna Salman Farsi رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ has narrated that on the last day of Sha'ban, the Prophet of Rahmah, the Intercessor of Ummah, the Owner of Jannah صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم said, 'O people! An auspicious and blessed month has approached you. In this month, there is a night that is better than a thousand months. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has made it Fard to fast in this sacred month. To offer (Tarawih Salah) in its nights is Sunnah. If you do a good deed in this month, it will be equivalent to carrying out a Fard act in any other month and if you perform a Fard act in this month, it will be equivalent to carrying out 70 Fard acts in any other month. This is the month of patience whose reward is Heaven. This is the month of sympathy, and the believer's sustenance is increased in this month.

In this month, the one who serves a fasting person with something to do Iftar, will be forgiven for his sins and his neck will be freed from the fire of Hell, and he will be rewarded the

same as the one who fasted, without any reduction in the reward of the fasting person.' The companions asked humbly, 'Ya Rasulallah صَلَّى اللّٰه تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم! Not all of us possess enough money (to present a meal to the fasting person) for Iftar.' He صَلَّى اللّٰه تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم replied, 'Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ will give this reward to the one who offers a sip of milk, a date or a sip of water to the fasting person, and the one who serves the fasting person with a meal so that his stomach is full will be given water from my pond (Kawsar) such that he will never feel thirsty and will enter Heaven.

The first ten days of this month are mercy, the middle ten days are forgiveness and its last ten days are freedom from the fire of Hell. One who treats his slave leniently in this month (by not burdening him with heavy duties) will be forgiven and freed from the fire of Hell. In this month, there are four things which you should do in abundance, two of them will earn the pleasure of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ for you, and you cannot do without the other two. The two which will earn you the pleasure of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ are:

1. To testify that there is none worthy of worship other than Allah.
2. To ask for forgiveness.

The two which you cannot do without are:

1. To ask Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ for Heaven.

2. To seek refuge of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ from Hell.'

(Sahih Ibn Khuzaymah, pp. 1887, vol. 3)

Dear Islamic brothers! This Hadis describes the mercy, blessings and glory of Ramadan in great detail. In this month, we must make special efforts to please Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ by reciting the blessed Kalimah as many times as possible and by repenting in abundance. We must not neglect asking Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ for entrance into Heaven and protection from Hell. These are the two things we must persistently ask for.

Four names of Ramadan

اَللّٰهُ اَكْبَر! How blessed Ramadan is! A renowned exegetist of the Holy Quran, Mufti Ahmad Yar Khan عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ الْمَنَّان has stated in the exegesis of the Holy Quran *Tafsir-e-Na'imi*, 'There are four names of this sacred month:

1. Ramadan
2. The month of patience
3. The month of sympathy
4. The month of increased sustenance.'

Elaborating the foregoing names, he رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْه has further stated, 'Fast is patience whose reward is Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. As fasts are observed in this month it is called the month of patience. Sympathy means 'treating others well.' This month is called the

month of sympathy because the reward for behaving well (and sympathising) with the Muslims, especially relatives, is increased. In this month sustenance is increased and even the poor enjoy the bounties of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ; therefore, it is called the month of increased sustenance.' *(Tafsir-e-Na'imi, pp. 208, vol. 2)*

Thirteen Madani pearls

(These Madani pearls are extracted from *Tafsir-e-Na'imi*, volume 2).

1. The blessed Ka'bah calls the Muslims towards it and distributes its bounties but this month comes to us and distributes blessings. It is as if the Ka'bah is a well and Ramadan is a river or the former is a river and the latter is rain.

2. In every month there are specific dates and timings for worship. For example, Hajj is performed in some particular days of Eid-ul-Adha. Similarly, the 10^{th} date of Muharram is the greatest in the whole month; but in Ramadan, specific worships are carried out in every moment of every day. Fasting, doing Iftar, waiting for Tarawih Salah, offering Tarawih Salah, sleeping or resting so that one can get up for Sahari and eating Sahari are all worships. In other words, every moment manifests the glory of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ.

3. Ramadan is (like) a furnace. As a furnace polishes dirty iron and shapes the polished iron into a device that can be fitted into a machine and as a furnace shapes gold into jewellery and makes it fit to wear, similarly, Ramadan purifies sinners and elevates the ranks of virtuous people.

4. In Ramadan, the reward of a Nafl deed is equivalent to a Fard one and the reward of Fard deed is increased seventy times.

5. Some scholars have said that if someone dies in the month of Ramadan, he will not be questioned in his grave.

6. Laila-tul-Qadr is also in this blessed month. The verse mentioned earlier says that the Holy Quran was revealed in Ramadan and in another verse Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ says:

إِنَّآ أَنزَلْنَٰهُ فِى لَيْلَةِ ٱلْقَدْرِ ۝١

Undoubtedly, We sent it down in Laila-tul-Qadr (the blessed and valuable night). [Kanz-ul-Iman (Translation of Quran)]

It becomes clear by the combination of both the verses that Laila-tul-Qadr is in Ramadan and it is most probably the 27th night, because there are nine letters in the Arabic words لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْر (Laila-tul-Qadr) and these words appear

three times in this Surah (nine multiplied by three is twenty seven), therefore it may well be the 27th night.

7. In Ramadan, Satan is held in captivity and the gates of Hell are closed. Heaven is adorned and its gates are opened. This is why fewer sins are committed and more virtuous acts are carried out in these days. Even those who commit sins in this month, do so due to their Nafs or the evil temptations from their accompanying devils.

8. There will be no accountability of what is eaten or drunk in Ramadan.

9. On the Day of Judgement, Ramadan and the Holy Quran will intercede for the fasting person. Ramadan will say, 'Ya Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ! I prevented him from eating and drinking during the day' and the Holy Quran will say, 'Ya Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ! I prevented him from sleeping at night by making him recite me and offer his Tarawih Salah.'

10. In Ramadan, the Prophet of Rahmah, the Intercessor of Ummah, the Owner of Jannah صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم would free every slave and give charity in abundance. In Ramadan, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ also frees people from the fire of Hell. Therefore,

we should strive to perform virtuous deeds and avoid sins in Ramadan.

11. Ramadan is the only month whose excellence is mentioned in the Holy Quran by name. No other month is mentioned in the Quran by name, nor such virtues of any other month were described. Sayyidatuna Maryam رَضِیَ اللهُ تَعَالٰی عَنْهَا is the only woman whose name is mentioned in the Holy Quran, and Sayyiduna Zaid Ibn Harisah رَضِیَ اللهُ تَعَالٰی عَنْهُ is the only companion whose name is mentioned in the Holy Quran. This proves the greatness of the three.

12. In Ramadan, prayers are answered at the time of Iftar and Sahari. This privilege has not been given to any other month.

13. There are five letters in the Arabic word رَمَضَان (Ramadan) ر, م, ض, ا and ن. The ر in رَمَضَان refers to the Rahmat (mercy) of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, م refers to the Mahabbat (love) of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, ض refers to the Daman (guarantee) from Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, ا refers to the Aman (protection) granted by Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and ن refers to the Nur of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ.

There are five special worships in Ramadan. Fasting, Tarawih, recitation of the Holy Quran, I'tikaf, and worship at Laila-tul-Qadr. So anyone who sincerely performs these five forms of worship will deserve the aforementioned five favours. *(Tafsir-e-Na'imi, pp. 208, vol. 2)*

Heaven is adorned

Dear Islamic brothers! Heaven is adorned the whole year to welcome the month of Ramadan. Sayyiduna 'Abdullah Ibn 'Umar رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْھُمَا has narrated that the Prophet of mankind, the Peace of our heart and mind, the most Generous and Kind صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم has stated, 'Indeed, Heaven is adorned for Ramadan from the beginning of the year to the end.' He صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم has further stated, 'On the first day of Ramadan, a breeze blows beneath heavenly trees, delighting the big eyed maidens of Heaven. The maidens say, 'Ya Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ make such servants of Yours our husbands who would feast their eyes on us, and we would feast our eyes on them.'

(Shu'ab-ul-Iman, pp. 312, vol. 3, Hadis 3633)

صَلُّوْا عَلَى الْحَبِيْب   صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلٰى مُحَمَّد

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰہ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! Words cannot express the glory of Heaven! May Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ forgive us without holding us accountable and make us neighbours of His Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم in Jannat-ul-Firdaus!

اَلۡحَمۡدُ لِلّٰہ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! Dawat-e-Islami is a Madani movement of the devotees of Rasool possessing correct Islamic beliefs. Here is a Madani glimpse of the blessings bestowed upon those associated with this movement:

Neighbourhood of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّی اللّٰہُ عَلَیۡہِ وَسَلَّم

اَلۡحَمۡدُ لِلّٰہ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! Numerous Jami'at (Islamic universities) under the name of Jami'a-tul-Madinah have been established by Dawat-e-Islami to teach Dars-e-Nizami free of cost to Islamic brothers as well as Islamic sisters.

اَلۡحَمۡدُ لِلّٰہ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! In 1427 A.H., about 160 students from these Jami'at travelled in the path of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ for 12 months. Initially they enrolled in the Madani Qafilah Course, during which their morale was boosted, and 77 students presented themselves for Madani Qafilahs for the rest of their lives. Further, the zeal of the students received another tremendous boost when a devotee of Rasool was blessed with the vision of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّی اللّٰہ تَعَالٰی عَلَیۡہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم in a dream. The blessed lips started to move and pearls of mercy started flowing in a perfect prose. When these words were threaded together, they formed into the following message: 'All those who have presented themselves for the Madani Qafilahs for their entire lives will be with me in Heaven.' The devotee who dreamt regretted not to have attained this privilege. The Prophet of

Rahmah, the Intercessor of Ummah, the Owner of Jannah صَلَّی اللّٰہ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم became aware of that devotee's inner feelings and said, 'If you also want to be amongst them, present yourself (for Madani Qafilah) for your whole life.'

Congratulations to devotees of Rasool on receiving this tremendous news! There is a very strong hope that those fortunate people for whom the news was given will die in the state of Iman اِنْ شَآءَاللّٰہ عَزَّوَجَلَّ, and for the sake of the Noble Rasool صَلَّی اللّٰہ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم they will be blessed with his neighbourhood in Jannat-ul-Firdaus.

However, remember that the dream of an ordinary person is not a proof by Shari'ah, so we cannot declare with certainty that a certain individual will enter Heaven simply on the basis of a dream.

Izn say Tayray sar-e-Hashr kahayn kash! Hudur
Sath 'Attar ko Jannat mayn rakhun ga Ya Rab

If only the Prophet صَلَّی اللّٰہ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم would say on Day of Judgement
I'll keep 'Attar with me in Paradise with Divine Commandment

Sixty thousand forgiven every night

Sayyiduna 'Abdullah Ibn Masud رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ has narrated that the Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم has stated,

'At every night of Ramadan, an announcement is made in the skies till dawn, 'O seeker of goodness! Complete (i.e. keep worshipping Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ) and rejoice, and O evil one! Give up your evil and take some lesson. Is there any seeker of forgiveness, his desire will be fulfilled? Is there anyone repenting, his repentance will be accepted? Is there anyone making Du'a, his Du'a will be accepted? Is there anyone who seeks anything, he will be given what he wishes for?' Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ frees sixty thousand sinners from Hell each evening of Ramadan at the time of sunset, and on the day of Eid He عَزَّوَجَلَّ forgives as many people as the total number of those freed throughout the month.' *(Ad-Dur-rul-Mansur, pp. 146, vol. 1)*

O lovers of Madinah! The arrival of Ramadan is an enormous favour bestowed upon us. The doors of mercy are opened by the grace of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and innumerable people are forgiven. If only we sinners be given the letter of our salvation from Hell by the blessed hands of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم for the sake of Ramadan! Imam-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْه has made the following plea in the blessed court of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم.

Tamanna hay farmaiye rawz-e-Mahshar
Yeh tayri rihai ki chitthi mili hay

I desire being told by the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم *on resurrection*
Here is the letter of your salvation and absolution

One million sinners freed from Hell every day

Whilst mentioning the favours, bounties, mercy and forgiveness from Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, one day the Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم said, 'On the first night of Ramadan, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ sees His creation with mercy, and if Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ sees any of His servants with mercy He عَزَّوَجَلَّ will not punish that servant. He عَزَّوَجَلَّ frees one million (sinners) from Hell every day, and on the 29th night He عَزَّوَجَلَّ sets free as many as were freed throughout the month. On the night of Eid-ul-Fitr, the angels rejoice and Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ reveals the specific attribute of His Nur and says to them, 'O group of angels! What is the reward for a labourer that has completed his work?' They reply that he be given his complete recompense. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ then says, 'Be witness that I have forgiven each one of them.'

(Kanz-ul-'Ummal, pp. 219, vol. 8, Hadis 23702)

Forgiveness of one million in every moment of Friday

Sayyiduna 'Abdullah Ibn 'Abbas رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُمَا has narrated that the Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم has stated, 'In Ramadan, every day at the time of sunset, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ frees one million such sinners from Hell for whom Hell had become Wajib due to their sins, and in every moment of Friday (in Ramadan),

He عَزَّوَجَلَّ frees one million such sinners from Hell who had deserved damnation.' *(Kanz-ul-'Ummal, pp. 223, vol. 8, Hadis 23716)*

Dear Islamic brothers! The foregoing Hadis contains a blessed account of great bounties and rewards from Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. سُبْحٰنَ اللّٰـه عَزَّوَجَلَّ! Every day in Ramadan one million sinners that had deserved Hell are forgiven, and one million sinners are set free from the punishment of Hell in every single moment of Friday, and then on the last night of Ramadan alone, sinners are freed equal to the total number of the people freed from the punishment of fire throughout the month.

May Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ also include us in those fortunate forgiven ones!

اٰمِيْن بِجَاهِ النَّبِيِّ الْاَمِيْن صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم

صَلُّوْا عَلَى الْحَبِيْب صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلٰى مُحَمَّد

Immense goodness

Amir-ul-Muminin, Sayyiduna 'Umar Faruq رَضِىَ اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَنْهُ would say, 'We welcome the month that purifies us. The whole Ramadan contains goodness; whether it is the fasting of the day or Salah of the night. Spending (money etc.) in this month is like spending in Jihad.' *(Tanbih-ul-Ghafilin, pp. 176)*

Spend more

Sayyiduna Damurah رَضِیَ اللهُ تَعَالٰی عَنْهُ has narrated that the Prophet of Rahmah, the Intercessor of Ummah صَلَّی اللهُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم has stated, 'Spend more (money etc.) on your family in Ramadan because spending in Ramadan is like spending in the path of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ.' *(Al-Jami'-us-Saghir, pp. 162, Hadis 2716)*

Big eyed maidens

Sayyiduna 'Abdullah Ibn 'Abbas رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْهُمَا has narrated that the Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّی اللهُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم has stated, 'On the first day of Ramadan a breeze called Masirah blows beneath the divine 'Arsh, swaying the leaves of heavenly trees and making such an extremely pleasant sound that no one had heard before. On hearing this sound, big eyed maidens appear, they stand on top of the high heavenly palaces and say, 'Is there anyone to ask for our hand in marriage?' Then they ask (Sayyiduna) Rizwan عَلَیْهِ السَّلَام, 'What night is this?' (Sayyiduna) Rizwan عَلَیْهِ السَّلَام recites Talbiyah (i.e. Labbaik) and says, 'It is the first night of Ramadan, the portals of Heaven have been opened for the fasting (Muslims) of the Ummah of Muhammad صَلَّی اللهُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم.' *(Attarghib Wattarhib, pp. 60, vol. 2, Hadis 23)*

Two types of darkness removed

It is narrated that Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ said to Sayyiduna Musa Kalimullah (عَلٰی نَبِیِّنَا وَعَلَیْهِ الصَّلٰوۃُ وَالسَّلَام), 'I have bestowed two types of

Nur upon the Ummah of Muhammad صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم to protect them from two types of darkness.'

Sayyiduna Musa Kalimullah عَلٰى نَبِيِّنَا وَعَلَيْهِ الصَّلٰوةُ وَالسَّلَام humbly asked, 'Ya Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ! What are those two types of Nur?' Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ said, 'The Nur of Ramadan and that of the Quran.' Sayyiduna Musa Kalimullah عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام further asked, 'What are two types of darkness?' Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ said, 'The darkness of grave and that of the Judgement Day.' *(Durra-tun-Nasihin, pp. 9)*

Dear Islamic brothers! Did you see how Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is merciful to those who spend Ramadan worshipping wholeheartedly. There is a description of huge mercy and blessings of Ramadan in the previous two narrations. One can earn the pleasure of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and the eternal rewards of Heaven by fasting in Ramadan.

Further, the second narration describes two types of Nur and darkness. The existence of light is essential for the removal of darkness. What a great favour our Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has bestowed upon us by giving us the light of Ramadan and the Quran to remove the darkness of grave and the Judgement Day.

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Fast and the Holy Quran will intercede

Fasts and the Holy Quran will intercede for the Muslims on the Day of Judgement. The Prophet of mankind, the Peace of our heart and mind, the most Generous and Kind صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم has stated, 'The fast and the Holy Quran will intercede for people on the Day of Judgement. The fast will say, 'O Merciful Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ! I prevented him from eating and satisfying his desires during the day, accept my intercession in his favour.' The Holy Quran will say, 'I prevented him from sleeping at night, accept my intercession for him.' Their intercessions will be accepted.'

(Musnad Imam Ahmad, pp. 586, vol. 2, Hadis 6637)

Reason for forgiveness

Amir-ul-Muminin, Sayyiduna 'Ali كَرَّمَ اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيْم has said, 'If Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ had intended to punish the Ummah of Muhammad صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم He عَزَّوَجَلَّ would never have bestowed upon them Ramadan and Surah Al-Ikhlas.'

(Nuzha-tul-Majalis, pp. 216, vol. 1)

Reward of hundred thousand Ramadan

Sayyiduna 'Abdullah Ibn 'Abbas رَضِیَ اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰی عَنْهُمَا has narrated that the Prophet of Rahmah, the Intercessor of Ummah صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم has stated, 'The one who spends Ramadan in Makka-tul-Mukarramah, keeps fasts and offers Salah at night as much as possible, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ will reward him equivalent to one hundred

thousand Ramadan spent elsewhere. He عَزَّوَجَلَّ will give him the reward of freeing a slave every day and every night each as well as the reward of providing a horse for Jihad every day. He عَزَّوَجَلَّ will also give him the reward of a good deed each day and each night.' *(Sunan Ibn Majah, pp. 523, vol. 3, Hadis 3117)*

Eid in Madinah!

Dear Islamic brothers! Makka-tul-Mukarramah is the sacred city where the Beloved and Blessed Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم was born. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has showered great blessings for the sake of His Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم. If a devotee of Rasool spends Ramadan in Makka-tul-Mukarramah, keeps fasts over there and offers as many Nawafil Salah as possible, he will be rewarded equivalent to one hundred thousand Ramadan spent elsewhere, in addition to the reward of setting a slave free every day and every night and that of a good deed each day and night.

May Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ bless us all with the privilege of spending the blessed month of Ramadan in Makka-tul-Mukarramah and worshipping as much as possible, and then, as soon as Ramadan ends, may we get to the sacred tomb of the Noble Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم to celebrate Eid, crying and begging him for our 'Eid presents' and may we receive our Eid presents from his blessed hands! All this is possible by the mercy of the Blessed Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم.

The Holy Prophet ﷺ would worship devotedly

Dear Islamic brothers! We should worship Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ abundantly in Ramadan and do every such act that earns us the pleasure of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and His Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم. If anyone is not forgiven even in this merciful month, when will he be forgiven then? The Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم would devote himself to worship as soon as Ramadan arrived.

Sayyidatuna 'Aishah Siddiqah رَضِیَ اللهُ تَعَالٰی عَنْهَا has said, 'In Ramadan, the Prophet of Rahmah, the Intercessor of Ummah, the Owner of Jannah صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم would devote himself to the worship of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and did not use to come to his blessed bed the whole month.' *(Ad-Dur-rul-Mansur, pp. 449, vol. 1)*

The Holy Prophet ﷺ would make Du'a abundantly

She رَضِیَ اللهُ تَعَالٰی عَنْهَا has further said, 'In Ramadan, the colour of the blessed face of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم would change. He صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم would offer Salah abundantly, make Du'a in an extremely humble manner and remain overtaken by divine fear.' *(Shu'ab-ul-Iman, pp. 310, vol. 3, Hadis 3625)*

The Holy Prophet ﷺ would donate abundantly

Dear Islamic brothers! In this month, donating money abundantly is also a Sunnah. Sayyiduna 'Abdullah Ibn 'Abbas رَضِیَ اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰی عَنْهُمَا has said, 'In Ramadan the Prophet of mankind, the Peace of our heart and mind, the most Generous and Kind

صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم would set free every prisoner and give something to every such person who asked for.'

(Ad-Dur-rul-Mansur, pp. 449, vol. 1)

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Most generous

Sayyiduna 'Abdullah Ibn 'Abbas رَضِیَ اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰی عَنْهُمَا has stated, 'The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم is the most generous of all people and his ocean of generosity would turn turbulent the most in the moments of Ramadan when the honourable Jibrail عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام visited him. Jibrail عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام would come every night and they both would recite the Holy Quran. Rasulullah صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم would demonstrate more generosity than even a fast blowing wind.' *(Sahih Bukhari, pp. 9, vol. 1, Hadis 6)*

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Thousand times more reward

Dear Islamic brothers! The reward of good deeds is multiplied several times in Ramadan, so one should perform as many virtuous deeds as possible. Sayyiduna Ibrahim Nakh'i رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْه has stated, 'One day's fast in Ramadan is greater than a thousand fasts (in any other month), making Tasbih (i.e. saying

سُبۡحٰنَ اللّٰه) once in Ramadan is better than saying it a thousand times in any other month and offering one Rak'at of Salah in Ramadan is greater than offering a thousand Rak'at in any other month.' *(Ad-Dur-rul-Mansur, pp. 454, vol. 1)*

Excellence of Zikr in Ramadan

Amir-ul-Muminin, Sayyiduna 'Umar Faruq رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنۡہُ has narrated that the Prophet of mankind, the Peace of our heart and mind, the most Generous and Kind صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلَیۡہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم has stated, 'The one who remembers Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ in Ramadan will be forgiven, and the one who asks Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ for anything in this month will not be deprived.'

(Shu'ab-ul-Iman, pp. 311, vol. 3, Hadis 3627)

Sunnah-Inspiring Ijtima' and Zikr of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ

Dear Islamic brothers! How fortunate are the people who attend Sunnah-Inspiring Ijtima'at and ask Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ for success in the world as well as in the Hereafter. اَلۡحَمۡدُ لِلّٰہ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! The Sunnah-Inspiring Ijtima' of Dawat-e-Islami, a Madani movement of devotees of Rasool, consists of Zikr from beginning to end because Tilawah, Na'at, Sunnah-Inspiring speech, Du'a and Salat-o-Salam are all different forms of Zikr of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. Here is a blessing of an Ijtima' of Dawat-e-Islami.

Birth of son after six daughters

An Islamic brother of Markaz-ul-Auliya (Lahore) gave the following account: Probably, in 2003, an Islamic brother invited me to attend Dawat-e-Islami's 3-day Sunnah-Inspiring global Ijtima' held in (Sahra-e-Madinah, Madina-tul-Auliya, Multan, Pakistan). I told him that I was the father of six girls and that my wife was expecting another baby, I asked him to make Du'a for a baby boy this time.

Adopting an extraordinary manner of individual effort, the Islamic brother said, 'سُبْحٰنَ اللّٰه عَزَّوَجَلَّ! Then you definitely need to attend the 3-day Sunnah-Inspiring Ijtima'. In terms of the number of attendees, this is the biggest Ijtima' of the devotees of Rasool after Hajj. Attend it and make Du'a, innumerable pious Islamic brothers attend the Ijtima', your Du'a may be accepted due to the blessing of their presence.' His words touched my heart and I decided to attend the Sunnah-Inspiring Ijtima'. Words cannot express the faith-refreshing atmosphere I felt there. I felt such spiritual peace for the first time in my life.

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰه عَزَّوَجَلَّ! A few days later, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ blessed me with a baby boy, as beautiful as the moon. My family members were also overjoyed. اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰه عَزَّوَجَلَّ! I joined the Madani movement of Dawat-e-Islami. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ granted me another baby boy. اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰه عَزَّوَجَلَّ!

At present, I am making efforts as the responsible Islamic brother for Madani Qafilah of Dawat-e-Islami in my locality.

Dear Islamic brothers! It is not surprising that mercy is showered on the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami and other Sunnah-Inspiring gatherings because there are probably numerous Auliya رَحِمَهُمُ اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰی amongst these devotees of Rasool.

A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ تَعَالٰی عَلَيْه has said, 'There are great blessings in congregations and the Du'a made in the gathering of Muslims is more likely to be accepted. Scholars have said, 'Wherever forty pious Muslims gather, there will certainly be one Wali of Allah amongst them.' *(Fatawa Razawiyyah (Jadid), pp. 184, vol. 24) (Taisir Sharh Jami' Saghir, pp. 312, vol. 1, Hadis 714)*

Even if your Du'a is not accepted apparently, you must still avoid uttering words of complaint. Indeed, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ knows what is best for us. We must be grateful to Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ at all times. If He عَزَّوَجَلَّ gives you a boy, thank Him, if He عَزَّوَجَلَّ gives you a girl, thank Him, if He عَزَّوَجَلَّ gives you both, thank Him, and if He عَزَّوَجَلَّ doesn't give you either, still thank Him in all circumstances and situations. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ says in verses 49 and 50 of part 25:

لِلّٰهِ مُلْكُ السَّمٰوٰتِ وَ الْاَرْضِ ؕ يَخْلُقُ مَا يَشَآءُ ؕ يَهَبُ لِمَنْ يَّشَآءُ
اِنَاثًا وَّ يَهَبُ لِمَنْ يَّشَآءُ الذُّكُوْرَ ۙ﴿۴۹﴾ اَوْ يُزَوِّجُهُمْ ذُكْرَانًا وَّ اِنَاثًا ۚ وَ

يَجۡعَلُ مَنۡ يَّشَآءُ عَقِيۡمًا ؕ اِنَّهٗ عَلِيۡمٌ قَدِيۡرٌ ﴿۵۰﴾

For Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is the Kingdom of the heavens and the earth, He عَزَّوَجَلَّ creates whatever He عَزَّوَجَلَّ likes. He عَزَّوَجَلَّ bestows daughters on whoever He عَزَّوَجَلَّ likes and He عَزَّوَجَلَّ bestows sons on whoever He عَزَّوَجَلَّ likes. Or He عَزَّوَجَلَّ couples both, the sons and the daughters, and He عَزَّوَجَلَّ makes whoever He عَزَّوَجَلَّ likes barren. Undoubtedly, He عَزَّوَجَلَّ is all knowing, the omnipotent.

[Kanz-ul-Iman (Translation of Quran)] (Part 25, Ash-Shura, verses 49, 50)

'Allamah Maulana Sayyid Muhammad Na'imuddin Muradabadi عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ الْهَادِی has stated, 'Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is omnipotent and He عَزَّوَجَلَّ distributes His bounties as He عَزَّوَجَلَّ likes. This was the case with the honourable Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام as well. Sayyiduna Lut عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام and Sayyiduna Shu'aib عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام had only daughters, no sons. Sayyiduna Ibrahim عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام had only sons and no daughters, and the Noble Prophet Muhammad صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم had four sons and four daughters while Sayyiduna Yahya عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام and Sayyiduna 'Isa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام did not have any children.'

(Khazain-ul- 'Irfan, pp. 777)

Devotee of Ramadan

There was a man whose name was Muhammad. He would not offer his Salah all year round, but in the blessed month of

Ramadan he used to wear clean and pure clothes and offer all five daily Salah. He would also make up for his missed Salah. People asked him as to why he does so, he replied, 'This is a month of mercy, blessings, repentance and forgiveness, maybe because of this, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ forgives me.' After his demise, someone saw him in a dream and asked: مَا فَعَلَ اللّٰهُ بِكَ؟ '*How has Allah* عَزَّوَجَلَّ *treated you?*' He replied, 'Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has forgiven me for honouring the blessed month of Ramadan.'

(Durra-tun-Nasihin, pp. 8)

May Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ have mercy on him and forgive us without accountability for his sake!

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Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is The Independent

Dear Islamic brothers! Did you see how immensely Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is merciful to those who honour the month of Ramadan (by worshipping and avoiding sins), and how He عَزَّوَجَلَّ forgave the man who disobeyed Him throughout the year but worshipped Him only in Ramadan. It is important that no one should misunderstand this parable. No one should be under the impression that (Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ forbid) it is now allowed to miss

Salah throughout the year, and keep fast and offer Salah only in Ramadan and then walk straight into the Heaven.

Dear Islamic brothers! Forgiveness and punishment all depend upon the Will of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. He is The Independent. If He عَزَّوَجَلَّ wills He عَزَّوَجَلَّ can be pleased with a Muslim for the smallest of virtues due to His mercy; and if He عَزَّوَجَلَّ wills He عَزَّوَجَلَّ can punish anyone despite great virtuous deeds, for the smallest of sins, due to His justice. It is stated in Surah Baqarah, verse 284:

فَيَغْفِرُ لِمَنْ يَّشَآءُ وَيُعَذِّبُ مَنْ يَّشَآءُ ؕ

He عَزَّوَجَلَّ forgives whoever He عَزَّوَجَلَّ wants and punishes whoever He عَزَّوَجَلَّ wants.

[Kanz-ul-Iman (Translation of Quran)] (Part 3, Surah Baqarah, verse 284)

Tu bay-hisab bakhsh kay hayn bay-shumar jurm
Dayta hun wasitah Tujhay Shah-e-Hijaz ka

Forgive me without accountability as I have countless sins
For the sake of Your Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم who is Hijaz king

Three are concealed in three

Dear Islamic brothers! We should neither miss any virtuous deed nor commit any sin no matter how minor it seems to be because we don't know which deed will please Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and which sin will bring about His displeasure. The caliph of A'la Hadrat, Sayyiduna Abu Yusuf Muhammad Sharif Muhaddis Kotlavi رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالٰی عَلَيْه has narrated: 'Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has concealed three things in three other things:

1. His pleasure in His obedience
2. His displeasure in His disobedience
3. His Auliya among His servants.'

He رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالٰی عَلَيْه has further stated, 'Therefore, we should do each and every good deed because we do not know which deed would please Him. Similarly, we should avoid each and every sin because we do not know which sin would displease Him, no matter how minor it seems to be. For example, using someone else's toothpick (without permission) or using one's neighbour's soil without permission, don't seem to be the matters of concern, but it is possible that the wrath of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ be concealed in them. Therefore, one should take care even in such minor matters.' *(Akhlaq-us-Salihin, pp. 56)*